2010 Western Plant Board Meeting

The Washington State Department of Agriculture would like to invite you to attend the 2010 Western Plant Board meeting on **May 18 - 20, 2010**, at the beautiful Hotel Murano, rated #6 in the nation by Condé Nast Traveler magazine, in Tacoma, Washington.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

2010 Western Plant Board Meeting	May 18 - 20, 2010
Registration due	April 26, 2010
Hotel reservations at group rate due	April 26, 2010

Meeting Registration

Registration will be **$275** per person with a **$50** late fee for registrations received after April 26, 2010. One-day and guest registration is available for $100. Payment will be accepted by check or money order, NO purchase orders or credit cards. **Make checks payable** to 2010 Western Plant Board. Follow the directions on the registration form for submitting your payment.

Accommodations

2010 Western Plant Board attendees need to make their own reservations by calling the Hotel Murano at 1-888-862-3255 or 253-238-8000. On-line reservations can be made at https://resweb.passkey.com/go/westernplant. Reservations must be made by Monday, April 26, 2010 to obtain the group rate. Please request rooms reserved for the 2010 Western Plant Board. The room rate is $113 plus tax for single occupancy. Upgrades are available at a discounted rate. Please make your reservations early.

Aquaculture Tour

Join us for an eye-opening tour that will demonstrate the farming and processing of shellfish at the finest aquatic farms in the Pacific Northwest. Our first stop will be at the Taylor Shellfish Processing Plant where participants will see all aspects of this state-of-the-art facility from oyster shucking and packing, mussel and clam culling and packing, geoduck packing, freezing, and live shellfish holding tanks. Next participants will be transported to the Taylor Floating Upwell System (FLUPSY) on Oakland Bay, this nursery system holds and grows nearly one third of the oyster and clam seeds for west coast farmers. Xinh's Clam & Oyster House in Shelton is the next stop of the tour. Participants will enjoy fresh South Puget Sound shellfish dishes created by chef Xinh Dwelley (non-shellfish dishes available). From Xinh's the tour will continue to the Taylor Shellfish mussel farm with a boat ride to view raft cultures of Mediterranean mussels in Totten Inlet. We will then travel to Chelsea Farms where we will gather on the beautiful beach at Eld Inlet to see manila clam, oyster and geoduck aquaculture.

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Transportation

Airline reservations should be made to fly into the SeaTac International Airport in Seattle, WA. A group rate has been provided to us for shuttle service from SeaTac International Airport to the hotel by Capital Aeroporter. We encourage you to book your reservations on line at http://capair.hudsonltd.net/res?USERIDENTRY=WPB&LOGON=GO. Please enter the code **WPB** for the reduced group rate of $40.00 plus fuel surcharge, round-trip per person and $25.00 plus fuel surcharge per person, one way. Please contact Capital Aeroporter two weeks in advance. Be sure you check out their other specials when traveling in groups of two or more. When making reservations by phone let them know you are with the 2010 Western Plant Board meeting and give them the WPB code for the reduced rate. Their phone is 1-800-962-3579.

From the airport to the Hotel Murano it is about a half-hour drive. Currently, parking is available on-site, at the hotel for $15.00 for self-parking and $18.00 for valet. Charges may increase prior to your group's arrival, without notice.

Speaker Presentation Requirements

Speakers should notify Claudette Needham at cneedham@agr.wa.gov for media needs.

We look forward to your attendance at our annual meeting. If you have any questions, please contact us at (360) 586-8489 or by fax at (360) 586-8509. You may also email us at cneedham@agr.wa.gov or bplayer@agr.wa.gov.

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For additional information visit these websites:

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National Plant Board	http://nationalplantboard.org/meetings/index.html
United States Department of Agriculture	www.usda.gov
Washington State Department of Agriculture	www.agr.wa.gov
Washington State Government	www.access.wa.gov

Travel

SeaTac International Airport	http://www.portseattle.org/seatac/
Capital Aeroporter	http://www.capair.com

Accommodations

Hotel Murano Reservations Hotel Murano Information	https://resweb.passkey.com/go/westernplant http://www.hotelmuranotacoma.com/

City Information

The City of Tacoma	www.cityoftacoma.org/
Tacoma-Pierce County	www.traveltacoma.com/
The City of Seattle	www.cityofseattle.net/

Natural Scenic History

Washington State Tourism	www.experiencewa.com
Mount Rainier National Park	www.nps.gov/mora/
Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument	www.fs.fed.us/gpnf/mshnvm
Olympic National Park	www.nps.gov/olym/

Other Interests

Tacoma Pierce County Visitor Guide	http://www.nxtbook.com/nxtbooks/tacoma/vg08/
Tacoma Art Museum	http://www.tacomaartmuseum.org/
Emerald Queen Casino	www.emeraldqueen.com/
Museum of Glass	www.museumofglass.org/
"Twilight" tours, Forks, Washington	Various web sites
Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium	www.pdza.org/
Washington State History Museum	http://www.wshs.org/
Pike Place Market	www.pikeplacemarket.org/

Local News

The Tacoma News Tribune	www.tribnet.com/
The Seattle Times	www.seattletimes.com
The Olympian	www.theolympian.com/home/